

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment-A the claims in the application are claims 1 and 3-12 of which claims 1, 5 and 6 are independent.

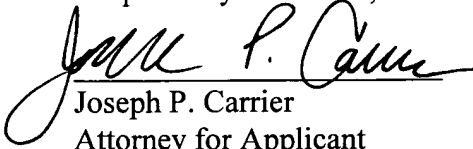
The specification and abstract are amended to overcome minor informalities therein. Additionally, reference numbers are deleted from the claims and abstract, multiple dependencies are removed from the claims, and new claims 10-12 are added in place of some of the deleted multiple dependencies.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application, including the original claims. Applicant also respectfully submits that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter into the application.

Previously, the International Application PCT/JP2003/013758 was amended under Article 19, and the amendments shown above are made to the claims as they existed after the amendment under Article 19. An English language translation of the amendments under Article 19 is being filed concurrently herewith.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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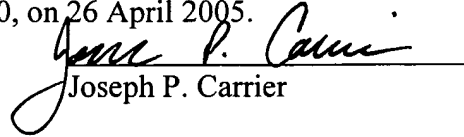
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